

Village of Los Lunas



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Village Receives More than \$400,000 from Legislature

If Governor Bill Richardson signs all bills which allocate funds to the Village of Los Lunas, then citizens will see more improvements made in the municipality.

Representative Kandy Cordova, D-Valencia County, sponsored a bill allocating \$25,000 to the village library project. This is added to the \$125,000 received from the 2002 legislative session.

The village's current library contains 5,628 square feet with parking. The library's former program room was converted into stack areas to accommodate the growing collection.

A new addition will provide space for a variety of functions. Handicapped-accessible rest rooms will be added and the parking area taken away by the new construction will be replaced on the west side.

The Village Council awarded the construction bid for the library addition to CC Construction of Belen in March. CC Construction was the lowest of seven bidders on the project.

Rep. Fred Luna, D-Valencia, sponsored legislation which will bring \$50,000 to help continue improvements on North Los Lentes Road; \$87,500 drainage improvements on Carson Drive; and \$87,500 to help with improvements

at the intersection of Juan Perea Road and the Burlington, Northern, Santa Fe Railroad tracks.

Legislation sponsored by Rep. Don Tripp, R-Valencia-Socorro-Sierra, will add \$30,000 to the funding for the Luna Hills Infrastructure Project (see more about this project in the story below).

Another \$50,000 will be added to the Luna Hills Project with legislation sponsored by Senator Michael

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The village library on northeast Main Street will undergo extensive improvements thanks to money from the 2002 and 2003 legislature as well as funding from the village budget. Above is a rendering by Molzen-Corbin & Associates, Engineers, Architects and Planners, of the renovated facility from the street.

Work Continues on Luna Hills Infrastructure Project

Village officials have been working to ensure that the much-anticipated Luna Hills Infrastructure Improvements Project proceeds to the construction phase.

Although project coordination and design have been completed for almost a year, slating the project for construction has been delayed due to comments from the local Home Owners Association as well as issues raised at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) during a separate lawsuit filed against the Environmental Protection Agency

(EPA) and Village of Los Lunas.

Pending coordination of these issues, issuance of the FONSI (Finding of No Significant Impact) statement from EPA is all that remains.

Since EPA has had related issues at the WWTP to the Luna Hills Infrastructure Improvements Project, the following tasks must be completed to advance the project into the construction phase:

- The Village has contracted with an environmental consulting firm which will complete the supple-

mental Environmental Information Document (EID).

- An additional Public Hearing will be held.

- EPA will amend the Environmental Assessment (EA) with the supplemental EID.

- EPA will advertise the EA for an additional 30 day comment period.

- Pending comments, the EPA will issue the FONSI for the project.

- The project will be advertised, bids will be opened, and a contract

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Los Cerritos-Main Street Light In The Works

Plans have been completed for the installation of a traffic light at Main Street and Los Cerritos Road, an entry to the high school and housing developments.

The \$160,000 project is a partnership between the New Mexico Highway Department and the Village of Los Lunas as well as the developers and commercial partners in that area. Developers include Mike Mechenbier and Huning Limited Partnership. A commercial partner is The Home Depot.

Work on the installation should begin by early summer with the light expected to be operational by the start of the school year.

Council Postpones Bond Refinancing

Village officials had planned to refinance more than \$3 million in old bonds to decrease its interest rate, but the instability of the market due to the War in Iraq has caused the council to postpone this action.

The village's bond advisor is hopeful that the market will stabilize in a few months allowing the sale of the bonds at a lower rate than the village now pays.

RECYCLE EVERY DAY ON DON PASQUAL BEHIND THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON MAIN STREET

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Sanchez, D-Valencia County. In addition, \$100,000 will be allocated to improvements to Daniel Fernandez Park.

All these allocations are dependent upon Governor Richardson's signature on the bills.

At the council meeting on March 28, 2003, the council and mayor expressed their appreciation to the legislators for making sure these appropriations successfully made it through the legislative process. Village staff was also complimented for providing the necessary information in a timely fashion to legislators for the appropriations.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Louis F. Huning **Mayor**

Councilors

Cecilia CC Castillo *Charles Griego*

Gerard Saiz *Robert Vialpando*

Municipal Judge *Jeff Aragon*

Village Administrator

Phillip Jaramillo **Master Municipal Clerk**

Chief of Police *Nick Balido*

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awarded.

Village officials anticipate about four to six months before the FONSI is issued and EPA permits the project to be advertised for construction bids.

From that time, it is estimated that it will take another two months for the bids and award process.

The project area is generally bounded by Grant Boulevard and Crestview Drive to the west, Rio Grande Boulevard to the north, Canal Boulevard to the east, and the village limits to the south.

Proposed improvements to the north area of the project generally include installation of sanitary and storm sewers; reconstruction of the existing pond facilities; paving curb and gutter; miscellaneous sidewalk improvements; and street lights.

Improvements for the south area generally include installation of sanitary sewers and required paving improvements, as well as several street lights.

Funding for this project comes from a Congressional Appropriation through EPA, a New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) loan, State Legislative Appropriations, and local Village matching funds.

Anyone with questions or concerns, should contact village Public Works Director Betty Behrend at 865-1377 or behrendb@ci.los-lunas.nm.us

Attend a Council Meeting!

The Los Lunas Village Council meets twice monthly at the administrative building on Don Pasqual and Main Street. Times and dates are subject to change. Call Debra at 865-9689 to verify. Remaining scheduled 2003 meetings:

April 24 May 8 & 22

June 5 & 19 July 10 & 24

August 7 & 21 September 4 & 18

October 9 & 23 November 6 & 20

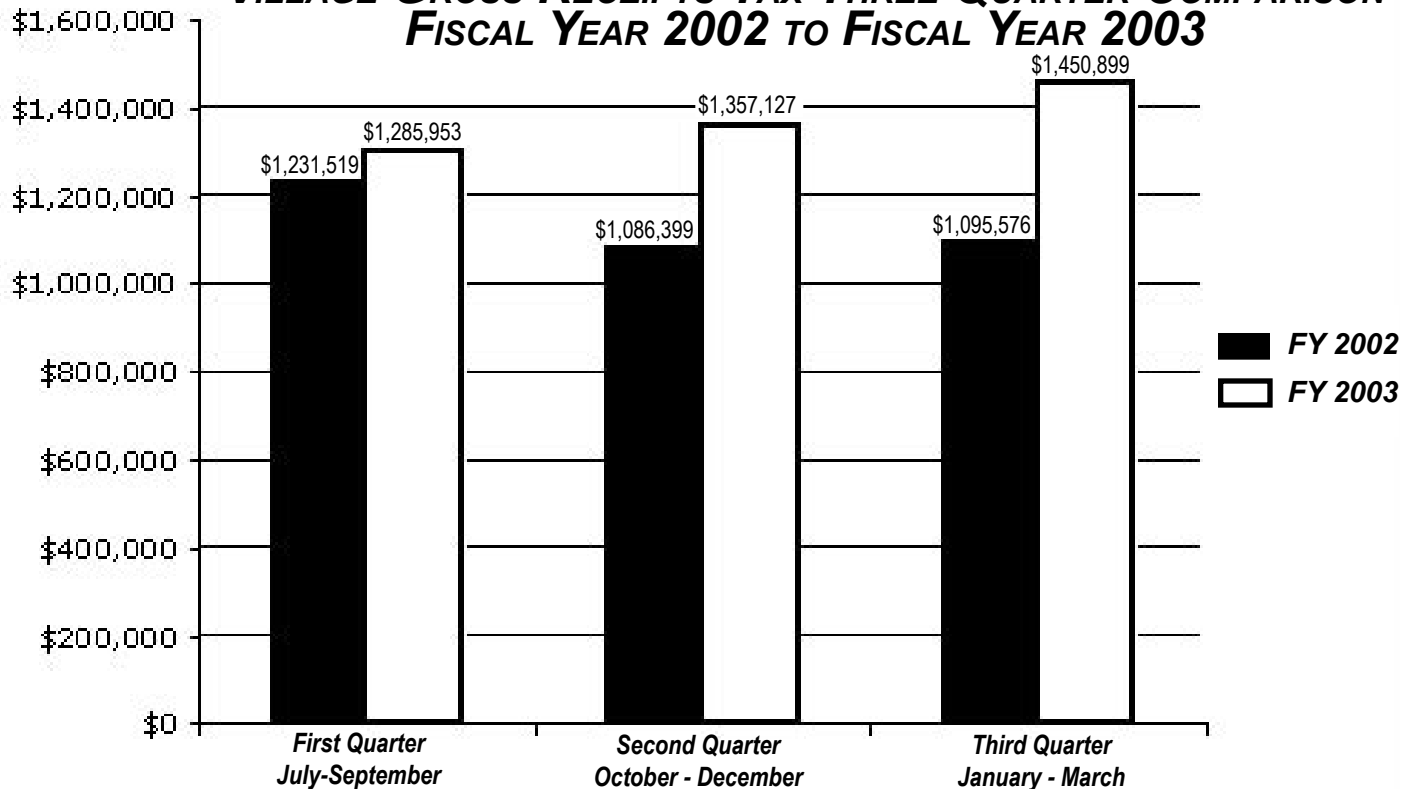
December 11 & 18

Agenda Available on Website Public Comment Welcome

The council agenda may be found on the village's web site, www.ci.los-lunas.nm.us, prior to the meetings.

At the meetings, citizens may address their concerns to the council during the public comment section of the meeting.

VILLAGE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX THREE QUARTER COMPARISON FISCAL YEAR 2002 TO FISCAL YEAR 2003



Buildings To Be Inspected for Safety

After the horrible fire in a Rhode Island nightclub which killed more than ninety people, Los Lunas officials will be checking the safety aspects of buildings in the village which have an occupancy rate of fifty people or more.

Fire Chief Atiliano "Lito" Chavez told the village council this is a measure to be sure that people can feel safe while in the municipality.

Village Emergency Management Coordinator/Fire Inspector Zack Romero will perform the inspections. He is a former Albuquerque firefighter.

All buildings in the village must meet minimum fire safety requirements under the Life Safety Code adopted by the village council.

Romero also performs inspections on newly constructed buildings in the village to make sure they comply with the Life Safety Code. Buildings remodeled for a different occupancy must also comply with the Life Safety Code.

HAVE YOU ADOPTED A ROADWAY IN LOS LUNAS?

Do It Today!

CALL BETTY BEHREND, UTILITIES DIRECTOR, AT 865-1377

Water Line Work Progressing on Schedule

Work is progressing as scheduled on Well Number Six and additional water lines for the village.

Public Works Director Betty Behrend said the transmission lines have been placed underground. The well has been developed and a well house is under construction.

A new 1.5 million-gallon water tank will be constructed on the north side of the Luna Hill, south of State Road 6, which will provide extra flow for additional fire protection to the Luna Hills area and also provide additional water storage.

Road & Sewer Projects Continue

You may have noticed village streets torn up.

The second phase of the Village's Downtown Sewer Project has begun. The one-year \$3 million project means improvements to sewer lines in one of the oldest areas of the village and an area critical to gross receipts tax revenue.

Some of the streets involved are Luna Avenue from Main Street south to Courthouse and north to Coronado; Coronado from Luna to Don Diego; all of Don Diego and Cortez; Santa Fe; and Saiz.

Road work will be done on Wittwer Court, Doris Place and Baca Court thanks to co-op money matched by village funds through the State Highway Department.

GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

7 AM TO NOON

Meet in front of
Village Administration Building
660 Main St. NW

Trash bags, gloves and water
bottles will be supplied. Bring
your friends, neighbors and
relatives. Lunch will be provided.

Call 865-1377, extension 307,
in advance so enough lunches
will be available.

FREE T-shirts to first
50 volunteers!

2003 SUMMER RECREATION

Registration:

Saturday, June 7 9 am to 1 pm

At: Daniel Fernandez

Railroad Passenger Car

1103 Highway 314

Session #1 — June 9 - June 26

Session #2 — July 7 - July 24

Time: Monday through Friday

9 am - 3 pm

Transportation: None Available to
and from the site; only field trips

Recreation Site:

Daniel Fernandez Youth Center

1103 Highway 314

Activities:

Arts & Crafts, Computers,
Gym Activities, Field Trips

Free Lunch Available

12TH ANNUAL FAMILY FUN FEST — APRIL 26 HONORING CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

9 AM MARCH BEGINS AND ENDS AT DANIEL FERNANDEZ PARK

FESTIVITIES LAST UNTIL 3 PM

DON'T MISS THE FUN

Free Drinks, Hot Dogs, Entertainment & Prizes

FREE IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Provided by First Choice Community Healthcare

BRING YOUR CHILD'S SHOT RECORD

Sponsored by the Village of Los Lunas

Parks & Recreation Department 865-2128

Valencia County Protective Services

Valencia County Multi-Disciplinary Taskforce

If you have a disability and need special accommodations, please notify the Parks & Recreation Department

